

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Husbands, Love
Colossians — Week 31

ICEBREAKER: If you could own a restaurant, what kind would it be?

OVERVIEW: God created marriage to be a blessing to mankind. Marriage enhances your life in many ways – emotionally, physically, financially, and spiritually. But marriage is only a blessing when you do it God’s way. If we ignore God’s instructions, then God’s blessings can turn into curses. God has given the husband and wife specific instructions about their roles and responsibilities. If we carefully follow God’s word, our marriages will flourish. In this study we will go deeper with the husband’s responsibility to love his wife.

1. **Read Colossians 3:18-19.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. Considering the Greco-Roman culture in the first century, why are Paul’s instructions to husbands surprising?
3. What are husbands commanded to do in Colossians 3:19? What are they commanded not to do?
4. What does it mean to love your wife?

5. How does the world’s definition of love differ from God’s definition of love?
6. Write down as many reasons as you can for why husbands should love their wives?
7. Husbands are also commanded to not be bitter toward their wives. What are some common ways that husbands are bitter toward their wives?
8. What can husbands do to grow at applying love, and avoiding bitterness toward their wives?
9. What can wives do to encourage their husbands to better love them?

The Last Word: “If you want to be married to a princess, start treating her like one. If you want to be married to a prince, start treating him like one.”